

In the Claims:

1. A method for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

receiving a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the electronic book;

displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

highlighting at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

2. The method of claim 1, further including displaying the highlighted portion of the electronic book.

3. A method for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

receiving a first request from the subscriber to cut selected information from an information source;

removing and saving the selected information from the information source;

receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and

inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

4. The method of claim 3, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

5. A method for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

1 receiving a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an
2 information source;
3 copying and saving the selected information from the information source;
4 receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information
5 into the electronic book; and
6 inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the
7 subscriber's second request.

8 6. The method of claim 5, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving
9 the first and second requests.

10 7. A method for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer,
11 comprising:
12 displaying a portion of the electronic book on a viewer;
13 receiving a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the
14 electronic book;
15 displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request;
16 receiving annotation information; and
17 associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the
18 subscriber's request.

19 8. The method of claim 7, further including displaying the annotation information
20 along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

21 9. The method of claim 8, further including permitting the subscriber to move a
22 location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

1 10. A method for annotating text of the electronic book displayed on a viewer,
2 comprising:

3 displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;
4 receiving annotation information and a request from the subscriber to annotate the
5 displayed portion of the electronic book;
6 associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the
7 subscriber's request;
8 displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the
9 electronic book; and
10 permitting the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within
11 the electronic book.

12 11. A method for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book
13 displayed on a viewer, comprising:

14 receiving a request from the subscriber for simultaneously displaying at least a
15 portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected by the subscriber;
16 formatting the selected pages for simultaneous display; and
17 simultaneously displaying the portions of the selected pages on the viewer.

18 12. The method of claim 11, further including displaying a task bar for use in
19 receiving the request.

20 13. A method for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed
21 on a viewer having a plurality of screens, comprising:

22 receiving a request from the subscriber for displaying at least one page of the
23 electronic book on the viewer;
24 formatting the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer; and
25 providing the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes formatting the page
2 for display on three screens.

3 15. The method of claim 13, further including displaying a task bar for use in
4 receiving the request.

5 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes enlarging the page
6 for proportional display across the screens.

7 17. The method of claim 13, wherein:
8 the receiving step includes receiving a request for displaying a plurality of pages;
9 and
10 the formatting step includes reducing the pages for proportional display across the
11 screens.

12 18. The method of claim 13, further including detecting a number of screens within
13 the viewer.

14 19. The method of claim 18, wherein:
15 the detecting step includes detecting a change in the number of screens of the
16 viewer; and
17 the formatting step includes reformatting the selected page for display based upon
18 the detecting.

19 20. A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of the
20 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:
21 receiving a request from the subscriber for displaying at least a portion the
22 electronic book and content from an information source;

1 formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from the information
2 source for simultaneous display; and
3 simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from
4 the information source.

5 21. The method of claim 20, further including displaying a task bar for use in
6 receiving the request.

7 22. The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the
8 content from the information source as an inset image within the displayed portion of the
9 electronic book.

10 23. The method of claim 22, further including permitting the subscriber to move a
11 location of the displayed inset image.

12 24. The method of claim 22, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the
13 portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the
14 information source.

15 25. The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the
16 portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source as side-by-side
17 images.

18 26. The method of claim 20, further including reversing a position of the displayed
19 portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source.

20 27. The method of claim 20, wherein the receiving step includes receiving a video
21 signal as the content from the information source.

1 28. A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of the
2 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:

3 receiving a request from the subscriber for displaying at least a page of an
4 electronic book and content from an information source;

5 formatting the page of the electronic book and the content from the information
6 source for simultaneous display, including:

7 displaying the content from the information source as an inset image
8 within the page of the electronic book; and

9 formatting the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page
10 otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

11 simultaneously displaying the page of the electronic book and the content from
12 the information source.

13 29. The method of claim 28, further including:

14 permitting the subscriber to move the inset image to a new location within the
15 page of the electronic book; and

16 reformatting the page of the electronic book, upon detecting the new location of
17 the inset image, to display the portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image.

18 30. An apparatus for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book
19 displayed on a viewer, comprising:

20 a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

21 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber to highlight
22 selected information of the electronic book;

23 a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

24 a highlight module that highlights at least a portion of the electronic book based
25 upon the subscriber's request.

1 31. The apparatus of claim 30, further including a section module that displays the
2 highlighted portion of the electronic book.

3 32. An apparatus for cutting information and pasting the information into an
4 electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

5 an image cut module that receives a first request from the subscriber to cut
6 selected information from an information source;

7 an image save module that removes and saves the selected information from the
8 information source;

9 an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste
10 the selected information into an electronic book; and

11 an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic
12 book based upon the subscriber's second request.

13 33. The apparatus of claim 32, further including a task module that displays a task bar
14 for use in receiving the first and second requests.

15 34. An apparatus for copying information and pasting the information into an
16 electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

17 an image copy module that receives a first request from the subscriber to copy
18 selected information from an information source;

19 an image save module that copies and saves the selected information from the
20 information source;

21 an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste
22 the selected information into an electronic book; and

23 an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic
24 book based upon the subscriber's second request.

1 35. The apparatus of claim 34, further including a task module that displays a task bar
2 for use in receiving the first and second requests.

3 36. An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer,
4 comprising:

5 a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;
6 an annotate module that receives a request from the subscriber to annotate the
7 displayed portion of the electronic book;
8 a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request;
9 a save module that receives annotation information; and
10 an associate module that associates the annotation information with the electronic
11 book based upon the subscriber's request.

12 37. The apparatus of claim 36, further including an annotation display module that
13 displays the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic
14 book.

15 38. The apparatus of claim 37, further including an annotation move module that
16 permits the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within the
17 electronic book.

18 39. An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer,
19 comprising:

20 a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;
21 an annotate module that receives annotation information and a request from the
22 subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;
23 an associate module that associates the annotation information with the electronic
24 book based upon the subscriber's request;

1 an annotation display module that displays the annotation information along with
2 the displayed portion of the electronic book; and

3 an annotation move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the
4 annotation information within the electronic book.

5 40. An apparatus for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book
6 displayed on a viewer, comprising:

7 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for simultaneously
8 displaying at least a portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected
9 by the subscriber;

10 a format module that formats the selected pages for simultaneous display; and

11 a display module that simultaneously displays the portions of the selected pages
12 on the viewer.

13 41. The apparatus of claim 40, further including a task module that displays a task bar
14 for use in receiving the request.

15 42. An apparatus for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book
16 displayed on a viewer having a plurality of screens, comprising:

17 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for displaying at
18 least one page of an electronic book on the viewer;

19 a format module that formats the selected page for display on the screens of the
20 viewer; and

21 a display module that provides the selected page for display across the screens of
22 the viewer.

23 43. The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module includes a multiple page
24 format module that formats the page for display on three screens.

1 44. The apparatus of claim 42, further including a task module that displays a task bar
2 for use in receiving the request.

3 45. The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module enlarges the page for
4 proportional display across the screens.

5 46. The apparatus of claim 42, wherein:
6 the command module receives a request for displaying a plurality of pages; and
7 the multiple page format module reduces the pages for proportional display across
8 the screens.

9 47. The apparatus of claim 42, further including a screen detect module that detects
10 a number of screens within the viewer.

11 48. The apparatus of claim 47, wherein:
12 the screen detect module includes a screen change module that detects a change
13 in the number of screens of the viewer; and
14 the format module includes a reformat module that reformats the selected page
15 for display based upon the detected change.

16 49. An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an
17 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:
18 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for displaying at
19 least a portion an electronic book and content from an information source;
20 a format module that formats the portion of the electronic book and the content
21 from the information source for simultaneous display; and
22 a display module that simultaneously displays the portion of the electronic book
23 and the content from the information source.

1 50. The apparatus of claim 49, further including a task module that displays a task bar
2 for use in receiving the request.

3 51. The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the display module displays the content from
4 the information source as an inset image within the displayed portion of the electronic
5 book.

6 52. The apparatus of claim 51, further including an image move module that permits
7 the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset image.

8 53. The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the display module displays the portion of the
9 electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the information source.

10 54. The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the display module displays the portion of the
11 electronic book and the content from the information source as side-by-side images.

12 55. The apparatus of claim 49, further including a reverse image module that reverses
13 a position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from the
14 information source.

15 56. The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the command module includes a receiving
16 module that receives a video signal as the content from the information source.

17 57. An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an
18 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:

19 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for displaying at
20 least a page of an electronic book and content from an information source;

1 a format module that formats the page of the electronic book and the content from
2 the information source for simultaneous display, including:

3 a first display module that displays the content from the information
4 source as an inset image within the page of the electronic book; and

5 a page format module that formats the page of the electronic book to
6 display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

7 a second display module that simultaneously displays the page of the electronic
8 book and the content from the information source.

9 58. The apparatus of claim 57, further including:

10 an image move module that permits the subscriber to move the inset image to a
11 new location within the page of the electronic book; and

12 a reformat module that reformats the page of the electronic book, upon detecting
13 the new location of the inset image, to display the portion of the page otherwise
14 concealed by the inset image.

15 59. An apparatus that manipulates images in an electronic book viewer, comprising:

16 a display that displays a portion of an electronic book, wherein the portion of the
17 electronic book is displayed as an image comprising one or more of text, graphics, data,
18 information, still video and moving video;

19 a control that receives a command to manipulate the portion of the electronic
20 book;

21 a processor that interprets the commands, the processor causing the display to
22 alter the image provided by the portion of the electronic book; and

23 a memory that stores the altered image.

24 60. The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising a task bar, the task bar including
25 commands that can be used to manipulate the images.

1 61. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands include one or more of
2 highlight, cut, paste, zoom, and rescale.

3 62. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the command includes a command to display
4 a picture-in-picture image.

5 63. The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the picture-in-picture image is displayed in
6 a window in the display.

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8 64. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is scalable.

9 65. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is provided in a side-by-side
10 format.

11 66. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein multiple windows are provided.

12 67. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the portion of the electronic book displays
13 text, and wherein the text wraps around the window.

14 68. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is one or more
15 of a video feed, a television program, a data signal from a personal computer, voice-to-
16 text translation from a telephone message, and an Internet web page.

17 69. The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the television program is provided by one of
18 a set top terminal, a video tape recorder tuner, a video connector, a personal computer,
19 a telephone system, an Internet and a television broadcast.

1 70. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is manipulated
2 by selecting the window and by selecting all of or a portion of the picture-in-picture
3 image for manipulation.

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5 71. The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising one or more additional displays,
6 the one or more additional displays capable of connection to the electronic book viewer,
7 wherein the processor manipulates the image to display separate sections of the image on
8 each of the display and the one or more additional displays.

9 72. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands are entered using one or more
10 of a wired keyboard, a wireless keyboard and a soft keyboard.

11 73. The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the one or more additional displays comprise
12 hinges, wherein the one or more additional displays fold in a same manner as pages in a
13 book.